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Defense Language BranchNOTES EXCHANGED BETWEEN JAPAN AND CHINA CONCERNING
THE LEASED TERRITORY AT KIAOCHOW BAYExchanged at Peking on 25 May, 1915
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To Your Excellency Lu Huei-shang, President of the Foreign Department of the Republic of China:

I inform Your Excellency with pleasure that I have the honor hereby to make the following statement in the name of the Government of the Empire of Japan, to Your Excellency's Government:

The Government of Japan will provide that after the termination of the present war the Leased Territory at Kiaochow Bay be entirely at the free disposal of Japan, retrocede the said leased territory to China on the following conditions:

1. To open the entire Kiaochow Bay as a commercial port;
2. To establish an exclusive settlement for Japan at a proper place to be selected by the Japanese Government;
3. To establish, further, an international settlement, if there be a desire to do so on the part of the other Powers;
4. In addition to the foregoing conditions, agreements be concluded between the Governments of Japan and China, prior to the realization of the proposed retrocession, concerning the disposition of the former German establishments and properties and other conditions, procedures, etc.

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Most respectfully yours.

25 May, 1915.

HIOKI, Masu (Seal)
Minister Extraordinary and
Plenipotentiary of the Empire
of Japan.

To Your Excellency HIOKI, Masu, Minister Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary
of Japan.

I reply to Your Excellency with pleasure that I have received the note
Your Excellency sent me today containing the declaration in the name of
Your Excellency's Government to the Government of China that the Japanese
Government will, provided that after the termination of the present war,
the Leased Territory at Kiaochow Bay be entirely at the free disposal of
Japan, retrocede the said leased territory to China on the following
conditions; (T.N.: The condition are the same as translated above.)

Most respectfully yours,

25 May, 1915.

Lu Huci-shang (Seal)
President of the Foreign
Department of the Republic
of China.

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Statement of Source and Authenticity

I, HAYASHI, Kaoru, Chief of the Archives Section, Japanese Foreign Office, hereby certify that the document hereto attached in Japanese consisting of 3 pages and entitled "Notes exchanged concerning the Leased Territory of Kiaochow Bay, dated May 25, 1915." is an exact and true copy of an official document of the Japanese Foreign Office.

Certified at Tokyo,
on this 3rd day of February, 1947.

(signed) K. HAYASHI
Signature of Official

Witness: (signed) Nagaharu, ODO

Translation Certificate

I, Richard S. Yonchiro, of the Defense Language Branch, hereby certify that the foregoing translation described in the above certificate is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, a correct translation and is as near as possible to the meaning of the original document.

/s/ Richard S. Yonchiro

Tokyo, Japan

Date 25 Feb., 1947

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